By the King.

A Proclamation conteining the Kings Maiesties pleasure concerning the apprehension of the Greames.

IT alwayes hath beene and is Our naturall disposition, and the temper of Our Gouernment, to purge Our Dominions of Malefactors, and neuertheles draw as little blood as may be, and rather to preuent offences, then to suffer them to goe on, to the hurt of the innocent Subiect, and the finall destruction of the Malefactors themselues. According to which mixture of clemency and good policie, Wee did in the first yeere of Our Raigne proceed against the Greames, being the principall and most violent disturbers of the peace and quiet of the Middle Shires: For notwithstanding that numbers of them, by barbarous spoyles, slaughters, and outrages were falne vnder the sword of Our Justice to bee capitally inflicted vpon them; yet We were pleased to extend Mercie vnto them, and vpon their owne suite, and humble prostrating of themselues by submission, to remoue them, and transplante them into Our Realme of Ireland, there to become new men, and to put off their Wicked and desperate course of life, formerly continued in blood and rapine. For which purpose, We did at that time publish our Royall Proclamation and also direct Our Commission for the effecting of the same; Which not without the great charge of Us, and the countrey thereabouts in their shipping, and remouing was executed accordingly. But now being giuen to vnderstand, that diuers of them are of late returned into the said Middle Shires, and begin to renue their old courses of robbing, riding armed, and other haynous disorders, to the great terrour of Our louing Subiects there inhabiting, and to the manifest contempt of Our former Grace and Mercie, and to the renewing of former troubles and dangers in those parts, which at this time by Our politique and peaceable Gouernment, enioy equall benefit of peace, and securitie With the rest of Our Counties.

Wee doe therefore hereby straightly forbid, That none of the said Greames hereafter doe presume to returne into our said Realmes of England or Scotland, out of Ireland, or the Cautionary Townes of the Low Countreys, Whereunto some of them are sent, and are since remoued into Ireland Without the speciall Licence of Our Deputie of Ireland for the time being: Which Licence Wee intend to bee according to such directions, and With such Cautions, as Wee haue already prescribed vnto Our said Deputie.

And furthermore Wee doe in like straight manner command and ordaine, That if any of them shall be taken Within those Middle Shires, within the space of fourtie dayes after this our Proclamation, or at any other time after such limitation of stay, as may bee giuen to them in any their Licences; That forthWith, With all search and diligence, they bee apprehended, and committed to Prison, and further proceeded With, aswell vpon any their former Crimes, as vpon the contempt of this Our Royall commaundement, according to the vttermost seueritie of our Lawes, and according to the directions formerly giuen by Us and our Councell for the gouernement of those parts: And that aswell Our right trustie and right Welbeloued Cousin the Earle of Cumberland, and our right trusty and Welbeloued the Lord Walden, Our Lieutenants in those parts; as also all other our Commissioners, Justices and Ministers for the Middle Shires, doe take speciall care and order for the due and strict executing of this Our Proclamation: obseruing in all other points not here mentioned their former instructions.

Giuen at Royston the two and twentieth day of Iuly, in the twelfth yeere of our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the seuen and fourtieth.

God saue the King.

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